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SUBJ: GOQ IRE THAT IT MAY BE NAMED AS RECIPIENT OF AGENT FEES
FROM LOCKHEED

REF: DOHA 1429; DOHA 1415

1. INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE OF DEC 15, RECEIVED HERE AFTER REFTEL SENT, CARRIED WASHINGTON POST ARTICLE WHICH APPEARS PERTINENT TO GOQ'S ANGER AND APPREHENSION THAT IT WILL BE FINGERED IN CONNECTION WITH LOCKHEED AGENT FEES. ACCORDING ARTICLE, SEC HAS SUBPOENAED MATERIAL FROM LOCKHEED ON PAYMENTS AND COMPANY HAS TAKEN POSITION THAT COMPLIANCE COULD LEAD TO DISCLOSURE OF NAMES OF RECIPIENTS OF PAYMENTS TO DETRIMENT OF US INTERESTS. ARTICLE STATES THAT SECRETARY HAS WRITTEN TO PRESIDING JUDGE IN CASE SUPPORTING LOCKHEED'S CONCERN OVER IMPACT ON US RELATIONS WITH CONCERNED COUNTRIES IF MATERIAL RELEASED, ALTHOUGH DEPT DOES NOT FEEL IT CAN OTHERWISE INTERVENE IN CASE, SAVE TO ASK FOR OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT TO RELEASE AT LATER DATE.

2. GOQ'S ANGER AND APPREHENSION MUST BE CONNECTED WITH LOCKHEED
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-SEC CASE RATHER THAN ANY CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS ON MATTER

AS INDICATED IN REFTTEL. REQUEST DEPT PROVIDE SOONEST FULL BACKGROUND. SINCE GAYID'S, AND HENCE GOQ'S, NAME IS CERTAIN TO APPEAR IF THERE ANY PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LOCKHEED MATERIAL, WE REQUIRE GUIDANCE REQUESTED IN REFTTEL ON AN URGENT BASIS, I.E. BY OPENING OF BUSINESS HERE DEC 20. IN ADDITION TO FULL BACKGROUND, COULD WE HAVE ESTIMATE OF TIME WHEN CASE LIKELY TO BREAK, AND PROBABLE OUTCOME OF COURT ACTION. GIVEN HIGH FEELINGS ON MATTER AT TOP LEVEL OF GOQ, WE BELIEVE IT IMPERATIVE THAT WE TAKE INITIATIVE IN DISCUSSING IT WITH SHAYKH ABDUL AZIZ AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE MUST HAVE FULL INFORMATION AND PRECISE INSTRUCTIONS. ADVISE. PAGANELLI

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